

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Farm Service Agency  
Room 3416, 700 West Capitol Avenue  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-94

For: County Offices

Presidential Emergency Declaration EM3171, Amendment #1

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

B Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

A Disaster Area

Effective February 21, 2003, President Bush amended this declaration to include additional counties in Texas for Federal Disaster assistance. This action is based on damages and losses caused by the Loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia that occurred on February 1, 2003.

Disposal

April 1, 2004

Distribution

All County Offices

03/13/2003

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### **2 Action (Continued)**

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties in Arkansas are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Little River

Miller

### **B Application Processing**

Emergency loan applications will be received through October 21, 2003, and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded EM3171.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is February 1, 2003.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

### **C Filing Instructions**

In offices with FmHA procedure, file this notice preceding 1945-D. Otherwise, file chronological order with FLP series notices.

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**Exhibit 1**

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**NEWS**

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United States

Department of Agriculture

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

Texas and Arkansas Counties Eligible For Federal Disaster Assistance

Washington, D. C., February 21, 2003-- President Bush named Texas counties eligible for Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) based on damages and losses caused by the Loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

In addition to the Texas counties named as primary disaster areas the following Arkansas counties are also eligible, because they are contiguous:

Little River

Miller

Farmers in the disaster area's have until October 21, 2003 to apply for the assistance to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered a physical loss or at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.